GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RECONSIDERATION OF INDO US CIVIL NUCLEAR DEAL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the defence analysts and nuclear scientists while expressing concern on the Indo-US nuclear deal have requested the Government to reconsider it; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)&(b) Government have seen various opinions on the proposed civil nuclear co-operation between India and the USA as per the understandings of July 2005 and March 2006. While most defence analysts and nuclear scientists have been strongly in favour of the proposed co-operation, a few have expressed some concerns. Government take due note of the issues raised and proceeds in the best interests of the country.